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## Lerum named chief of contracting at Rome

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ROME, N.Y. — Lt. Col. Reid S. Lerum has been named chief of the contracting division for the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) Information Directorate.

He succeeds Lt. Col. Ralph M. Lentz, who retired in January after a 25-year Air Force career.

As the contracting chief, Lerum oversees the activity of approximately 80 military and civilian contracting professionals. The division executes approximately 8500 contractual actions valued at more than \$350 million annually. The division's area of responsibility includes both operational and research and development (R&D) contracting in support of Information and Sensor Directorates' research located at the Rome Research Site.

Lerum entered the Air Force in 1979 and graduated from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. He has held a variety of contracting positions, most recently as commander of the United States Air Force, Europe (USAFE) Contracting Squadron, Kaiserslautern, Germany. He holds the Senior Acquisition Badge and is Level III certified in the contracting career under the Acquisition Professional Development Program.

The colonel received a bachelor of science degree in business management from St. Cloud State University and earned a master's in public administration from Northern Michigan University. He also graduated from Squadron Officers School and Air War College at Maxwell AFB, Ala., and completed Air Command and Staff College by correspondence. @